Bofors' Team's Visit to Delhi

2564. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bofors' team had visited Delhi to negotiate the terms for the production of the 155 mm howitzer guns in India; and

(b) if so, the public undertakings with which they had held the discussions and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No discussions were held with any public undertaking.

Employment of wife of Director, Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad

2565. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wife of Director, Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad is gainfully employed as Research Officer in M|s. Sharda Bairon Ltd., Ghaziabad, a Homoeopathic Maunfacturer,

(b) whether through such employment, the entire testing|Research facilities of the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory including all expertise are being availed by M|s. Sharda Boiron Ltd.; and

(c) whether such activities go against the national interest and are violative of the Government servants Conduct Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Dr. (Mrs.) Verma is working as Development Officer in Sharda Boiron Ltd., a public limited concern and not as Research Officer.

(b) No, Sir. Under the Drug Rules, anyone can get the Homoeopathic Medicines tested in this Laboratory on payment of prescribed testing fees.

(c) Does not arise.

Connection of CBI with Investigation by Enforcement Department

2566. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation is directly concerned with investigations carried out by Enforcement Department of the Ministry of Finance;

(b) whether the CBI has any information Bureau or Public Relations Officer;

(c) if so, whether these officers or Bureau are frequently issuing handouts of income/or other investigation reports to the Press;

(d) whether any other officers, besides the Public Relations Officer/Information Bureau is authorised to inform the press of CBI's exploits; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is one Information Officer in the Central Bureau of Investigation who is authorised to issue press releases on results achieved in registration and investigation of cases by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

(d) and (e) Superintendents of Police of the CBI branches located outside Delhi are authorised to release material for publication to the local press through the Regional Offices of the Press Information Bureau.